Corruption in the Society for the prevention of cruelty to Animals, Bangalore

455. Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH (Bidar).—

Will the Minister of State for Veterinary Services, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any assurance was given by Government in the Council last year that inquiries would be made regarding some charges of corruption in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Bangalore ;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Inspector of the Society who was found guilty by the State Vigilance Commission has been continued in the Society on a higher salary ;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that another inspector of the said society was convicted by the Magistrate for taking bribes and was dismissed and has been appointed again as an Inspector ;

(*d*) whether the Government is aware that these persons have been harassing the cartmen and taking bribes even now ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Minister of State for Veterinary Services, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development).—

(*a*) Not aware.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—Sir, with reference to question (*a*) I would like to know whether Government has not given an assurance with regard to holding an enquiry ?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I got a copy of the report of these Committees on Government Assurances. I do not think Government has given any such assurance. But there was a suggestion saying that grants to organisations which are not working well may be withheld. The then Minister for Food replied that the matter is under consideration. This is all that had happened. There was nothing like giving an assurance with regard to the allegations.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—With reference to (*b*), I would like to know whether he is asking the society to inquire in respect of the charges that have been made, instead of asking the Vigilance Commission ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This is a private society. The Inspectors are appointed by the Society. They are not Government servants. When a reference was made to the Vigilance Commission, the Vigillance Commission has reported to the President and office-bearers saying that since he is not a Government servant, they cannot go into this matter.